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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Original) A method for measuring high-energy radiation flux, comprising:
  - applying a voltage pulse <u>for a predetermined time</u> to electrodes in an ion chamber, <u>wherein the ion chamber is</u> filled with a gas capable of forming charged ions by the high-energy radiation;
  - measuring an ion current signal related to ion currents induced by the voltage pulse while the voltage pulse is being applied to the electrodes;
  - measuring a leakage current signal after the voltage pulse has been turned off and after ion transport has stopped; and
  - determining a magnitude of the high-energy radiation <u>flux dependent based</u> on the ion current signal <u>and the leakage current signal</u>.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising measuring a leakage eurrent signal, wherein the determining the magnitude of the high-energy radiation <u>flux</u> comprises subtracting the leakage current signal from the ion current signal.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1[[2]], further comprising determining a gain of an amplifier of the ion current signal and the leakage current signal.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the determining the gain of the amplifier comprises applying a ramping voltage current to the electrodes in the ion chamber.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein one of the gain is used to adjust a magnitude of the ion current signal [[or ]]and a magnitude of the leakage current signal is adjusted dependent on the gain of the amplifier.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the subtracting the leakage current signal from the ion current signal is dependent on one of uses—a magnitude-adjusted ion current signal [[or]] and a magnitude-adjusted leakage current signal.

- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a gain of an amplifier of the ion current signal and the leakage current signal, wherein the determining the magnitude of the high-energy radiation flux is proportional to based on the ion current signal and the gain of the amplifier.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the determining the gain of the amplifier comprises applying a ramping eurrent voltage to the electrodes.
- 10. (Withdrawn) A system for measuring high-energy radiation, comprising:
  - an ion chamber having an ionizable material that can be ionized by the high-energy radiation;

two electrodes disposed in the ion chamber; and

- a circuit connected to the two electrodes, wherein the circuit is configured to provide a voltage pulse to the two electrodes and to measure an electrical signal across the two electrodes.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 10, wherein the ionizable material comprises one selected from helium-3, boron trifluoride, lithium-6, uranium-233, uranium-235, and plutonium-239.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 10, further comprising a target chamber comprising a hydrogenous material, wherein the target chamber is disposed proximate the ion chamber, and wherein the high-energy radiation comprises neutron radiation.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A method for measuring high-energy radiation using the system of claim 10.

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